

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masakazu Hirano
Serial No.: 10/091,670
Conf. No.: 6336
Filed: 3/5/2002
For: MAGNETIC DISK DRIVE SYSTEM

Art Unit: 2651
Examiner: Faber, Alan



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

(X) Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

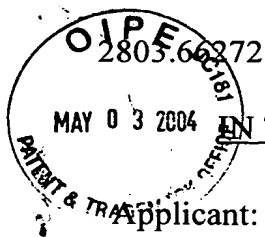
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Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement mailed April 8, 2004, applicants elect the species of Fig. 6, with traverse. Claim 1-14 and 17-27 read on the elected species.

The basis for traversal is that examination of the nonelected species with the elected species would not place an undue burden on the examiner. The elected and nonelected species share several features in common, and a search for the elected species would overlap with a search for the nonelected species. Accordingly, withdrawal is respectfully requested.

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